

August 27, 2008

Ms. Cheryl King, AICP Staff Director Transit Planning Board 245 Peachtree Center Avenue NE Suite 800 Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: Concept 3 Regional Transit Vision – Letter of Support

Dear Ms. King:

Central Atlanta Progress (CAP) and the Atlanta Downtown Improvement District (ADID) extend support to the Transit Planning Board (TPB) for its "Concept 3" regional transit vision plan.

CAP/ADID recognizes that TPB has developed Concept 3 with a collaborative and comprehensive approach. The result is a plan that is truly multimodal and representative of the region's existing and future transportation needs. We support the plan's acknowledgment that the region must operate and maintain its existing regional transit system <u>and</u> expand upon the choices we have today. CAP/ADID is highly supportive of Concept 3's inclusion of commuter rail and the Downtown multimodal passenger terminal, as well as creation of supportive circulator transit, such as the Peachtree Streetcar. These projects are recommendations of CAP/ADID's own vision plan, *Imagine Downtown*, completed in 2005.

As a representative of the Downtown business community, CAP/ADID appreciates the benefits that will accrue from Concept 3's implementation. Implementing the full recommendations of Concept 3 would result in a seamless network connecting area workers, visitors, students and residents with critical business and activity centers. In addition to providing greater regional transportation choice, improved access and mobility will foster economic development and a competitive business environment.

CAP/ADID thanks the Transit Planning Board for its active leadership in improving transportation within the Atlanta region. We offer our assistance to you in the advancement of Concept 3 and champion its implementation.

Sincerely,

A.J. Robinson

President

Central Atlanta Progress, Inc. and the Atlanta Downtown Improvement District, Inc.